

SENATOR BEUTLER: I withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: The current amendment is being withdrawn. Okay, Mr. Clerk, read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would now move to amend the bill as follows: "On page 7, strike the new matter in lines 1 and 2 and insert the following language, 'or prepare reports of title'."

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the definition of what an abstracter can do now would say only a registered abstracter may certify abstracts or otherwise attest to the accuracy of abstracts or prepare reports of title. And again all this playing with language has to do with one purpose and intent and that is to separate abstracting from title insurance.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp now.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, with that understanding and with this new amendment, I now support the amendment and I rather suspect Senator Warner will do the same, and, hopefully, we will get this settled. It is kind of an important issue. It settles this matter of abstracting and title insurance for the next many years and I just wanted to make sure we got it done right because I am not smart enough to know all the intricacies of this title insurance and abstracting, but I know if you get confusion on it, it can make a mess later on that can go on and on. So I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR WARNER: I just would add...

PRESIDENT: Oh, excuse me, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: ...(inaudible) I can support the amendment now, but basically it now ties in with the committee amendment that was originally adopted and there is no longer a conflict that, in my opinion, would have otherwise been there. But now it makes the committee amendment and what he is doing here is consistent. It is the same in both sections of the proposed statute and there is not a problem.